

# Byron Cook

## Biography

Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 2003, Byron Cook is privileged to have the unique opportunity to represent the fine, hard-working citizens of House District 8 -- which includes Navarro, Limestone, Freestone and Anderson counties.

During the 80th legislative session, in 2007, Representative Cook was appointed as chair of the House Committee on Civil Practices. This committee, among other complex legal topics, deals with legislation that directly impacts the Texas Civil Justice Code and Texan's judicial rights. Additionally, during that time, Representative Cook served as a member on the House Committee on State Affairs and the Sunset Advisory Commission.

The Texas Municipal League honored Representative Cook as their legislator of the month, due to his fervent belief in allowing local communities to govern without undue intervention and stringent regulation from the state or federal governments.

In 2007, Cook was honored to be named as one the "ten best legislators", by Texas Monthly magazine, which noted, "Cook's ability to work with both sides makes him a perfect arbitrator for future disputes."

One of only five legislators, Representative Cook received the coveted "Friends of Medicine Award" from the Texas Medical Association.

At the beginning of the 80th legislative session, Speaker Joe Straus appointed Representative Cook as chair of the House Committee on Environmental Regulation, the vice-chair of the Local and Consent Calendars, and as a member of the committees on State Affairs and Calendars -- elevating him to a prominent leadership role in the Texas House of Representatives.

The House Committee on Environmental regulation handles legislation on vital environmental issues that affect all Texans and have a significant influence on the state. The House Committee on State Affairs addresses a myriad of crucial matters including state policy, the regulation of many state industries and numerous critical social issues -- and both House Calendars committees manage the flow of all legislation.

Cook and his wife Kay live in Corsicana and are the parents of two daughters.

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